

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 - 4 (original)

Claim 5 (withdrawn)

Claims 6 - 7 (original)

Claim 8 (currently amended): A paint roller frame hook that ~~either can be made attachable or is permanently attached to the paint roller frame shaft and which, when attached,~~ is located near the end of the shaft's handle portion that is close to the paint roller sleeve; the new location of the hook allows the roller frame be mounted higher on a grid (a paint rack) fastened in a paint bucket; such location of the hook keeps the roller sleeve resting above the paint in the highest possible position to let more paint be pored in the paint bucket without the paint roller sleeve soaking the paint.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A plastic sheathing for the portion of the shaft adjoining adjacent to the roller cage assembly to eliminate dark marks on walls as a result of occasional touching walls by said portion of the shaft during painting.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A new shape of the roller frame shaft's portion adjoining adjacent to the roller cage assembly to provide a greater convenience and reduce wall touching by the shaft while working in narrow places; said new shape smoothers the shaft's curve bend that connects two strait shaft segments one which is perpendicular to the roller ~~axle~~ axis and another one ~~that~~ is parallel to the roller ~~axle~~ axis and adjoining the handle portion of the shaft; said smothering is achieved by providing an intermediate portion of the shaft that has about 135° angle with both mutually perpendicular shaft portions.

Claims 11 - 17 (withdrawn)